7. D. Hospital, Kolkata

8. Nilratan Sarkar Hospital, Kolkata

Note: Nursing Home Association and some other entrepreneurs have filed a PIL with the Hon'ble High Court challenging the statutory activities under some of the relevant provisions of Bio-medical Waste Rules. The case is till *subjudice.*

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Shortage of Fertilizers in the Country

3014. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of fertilizers in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under price, distribution and movement control of Government of India and for which allocations are made under Essential Commodities Act (ECA). All other fertilisers are decontrolled and their availability is governed by the market forces of demand and supply. However, there is adequate availability of major chemical fertilizers namely Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate and Muriate of Potash in different parts of the country and presently no reports of shortages have been received from States/Union Territories.

(b) to (c) Questions do not arise.